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THE SOUNDS OF FAIR VIEW

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

“SEEDS, SEASONS, AND THE FRUIT GOD GROWS”

BY REV. NATHAN FINSEL

October always feels like a holy month to me. The air cools, the leaves turn, and creation itself seems to pause and breathe. Fall is a season of beauty, but it is also a season of truth. The trees remind us that every harvest began with a seed, every apple started as a blossom, and every season carries the quiet work of God beneath the surface long before we ever see the fruit.

Jesus often used seeds to teach us about the Kingdom of God. In Mark 4:26–29, He describes the Kingdom as a seed scattered on the ground, growing quietly and steadily until the harvest comes. And in John 15, He reminds us that our calling is to bear much fruit, not by our own strength, but by abiding in Him.

This fall, I have been thinking about the apple tree. A single apple tree, over the course of its life, can produce more than 100,000 apples. One tree. One root system. One faithful cycle of seasons. It is an incredible picture of fruitfulness.

But here is the deeper truth. Every apple carries seeds. Every seed carries the potential for another tree. Every tree carries the potential for another harvest.

Fruitfulness is not just about what we produce today. It is about what we plant for tomorrow.

What is God growing in us this season?

As a church, we have seen God at work in discipleship, mission, worship, and community. We have watched seeds planted in past seasons begin to bear fruit. New relationships. New ministries. New opportunities to serve Mooresville with Christ's love.

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Fall invites us to ask deeper questions.

- What fruit is God calling Fair View to bear right now?
- Where do we see signs of harvest, lives touched, faith strengthened, hope renewed?
- What seeds are we planting for the next season of ministry?
- What will multiply because of our faithfulness today?
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Just as the apple tree produces far more fruit than it needs for itself, the church is called to bear fruit that blesses others. Fruit that multiplies into compassion, generosity, discipleship, and mission

A Season to Replant

Fall is not only a time of harvest. It is a time of preparation. Farmers save seeds. Gardeners plan for spring. Trees drop what will become tomorrow's growth.

So I invite us, as Fair View United Methodist Church, to reflect.

- What seeds of faith are we sowing in our children and youth?
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- What seeds of hope are we planting in our community partnerships?
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- What seeds of discipleship are we nurturing in small groups and worship?
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- What seeds of generosity are we offering through mission and outreach?

The fruit we see today is the result of seeds planted long ago. The fruit our community will see tomorrow depends on the seeds we plant now.

A Word of Encouragement

Paul writes in Galatians 6:9, "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

This fall, may we be a church that keeps planting, keeps trusting, keeps abiding, and keeps bearing fruit, one season at a time. And may God multiply our efforts far beyond what we can imagine, just as He does with the apple tree.

May this October be a season of gratitude for the harvest we see and a season of courage for the seeds we will sow.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Nathan

THE VINE BIBLE STUDY

The Vine Study group meets Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00pm in 204A/Fellowship Hall. Join us for an hour of prayer and study led by Pastor Nathan Finsel. All are welcome as we seek and cling to the vine.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know are homebound and would like to request one of our communion servants to administer communion at your home, please call the church office to schedule a time.

Communion servants have been trained to serve communion and are Stephen Ministers and congregants. We appreciate their service to the church body.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Each Thursday, the Fair View Church volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels. Many recipients are widows or widowers, some are in ill health and dealing with disabilities or aging restrictions. We would ask you to keep them in your prayers as we have ministered to their needs and have developed friendships.

If you would like to join this ministry, contact Judy at judithdonaldson@windstream.net.

Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls are available from the church office for all members as well as Stephen Ministers to share with family, friends, or neighbors who need a reminder that we care about their loss or difficulty. In their time of need, a shawl says "I'm thinking of you and want to share God's love with you."

CHURCH APP

We are excited to continue to utilize the features of our new web-based platform, Subsplash. Please download the church app to:



- watch or listen to past messages
- stay up-to-date with small groups announcements and notifications within the app
- share your favorite messages via Twitter, Facebook, or email, and download messages for offline listening.
- sign-up for events and service opportunities
- check your recent giving
- read the current newsletter via access to the website



Watch your inbox each Wednesday for the View from Fair View.

This weekly newsletter regularly contains upcoming events and opportunities to serve the church

and the greater Mooresville community. Not receiving church emails? Let us know by emailing us at office@fairviewumc.org. Dates for birthdays and anniversaries come from the church database, so if there are any errors, please contact the church office.



TXT2GIVE

Text **FVUMCgiving** to 1-888-364-4483 in order to receive a reply with the link to your giving interface. The code is not case sensitive.

If you already have a Subsplash giving account, you will be able to login and give immediately!

Don't have a Subsplash account? You can create one in seconds!

The privacy of your personal information is our first priority and is secure through our giving platform!

Truly Grateful for you.

YOUR TITHES & OFFERINGS KEEP OUR CHURCH ACTIVE AND THRIVING!

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Communion Servers

October 4th

Tammy Glaze, Peggy Jones,
Jim & Anna Lowry

November 1st

Barry Boling, Mandy Wright,
Danyel & Reese Williams

**SAVE
the DATE**

**The United Methodist Men Roadside
Clean Up will be
Saturday October 17th starting
at 7:30 a.m.**

 **HAPPY
Anniversary**

10/7 Todd & Betsy Danner

10/9 JC & Tiffany Stutts

10/11 Nathan & Jessi Finsel

10/27 Mike & Ann Goode



October is Clergy Appreciation Month!

In the Western North Carolina Conference, we take this special opportunity to honor and appreciate our clergy and church staff for all they do to serve our churches and communities.

Take a moment this month to say thank you to a pastor or staff member who has made a difference in your life. A simple note, card, word of encouragement, or heartfelt thank-you can mean so much.

Let's take time this October to show our clergy and church staff how much we appreciate them and the many ways they serve!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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GREY CALDWELL

JEFFREY RICHARDSON & SUGENIA WELLS

BILLY GLAZE & ERIK GUSTAFSON

BRENDA AGAN

TARA CASHION

WALLACE JONES

MIKE HAWKINS & CAELAN HENDRICKSON

DON CARTER

OLLIE TURNER

ALANA DUNSMORE

JESSICA AGAN & MACKENZIE FINSEL

KENNETH COONE

Heritage Sunday at Fair View

Heritage Sunday was a time to remember! If you missed it, please watch the online video of the service. Once again, those in attendance enjoyed beautiful music offered by the choir, a thoughtful message on the Trinity offered by Dr. Calhoun, and a delicious lunch provided by the great cooks at Fair View. We hope to see you next year on the second Sunday of September 2027.



Fair View 50+ Years in Membership



Betty Brawley
Eddie Brotherton
Cathy Burton
Paul Burton
Nolan Caldwell
Sylvia Caldwell
Dorothy Coone

Alan Donaldson
Susan Donaldson
Tammy Glaze
Vicki Gurley
Michael Haire
Bill Hicks
Ellar Hicks

Terry Honeycutt
Kathy Long
JoAnn Neill
Jane Testerman
Sara Tice



Fair View Happenings

Movie Group

Join our impromptu movie goers group. If we see/hear of a movie we would like to see, we try to go to a Tuesday matinee when they have discounted tickets and concession at AmStar in Mooresville. Ask Brenda Harvey to be added to the email list.

Upper Room

Wesley, Wednesdays 11- Noon

We follow a format of morning worship service with a call to worship prayer, reading of a Psalm and prayers, for our church, the community, the country, the world, the church universal and communion of saints.

And then we use the Upper Room devotional, scripture, discussion and study guide for the devotional. Come join us for this time of worship, study, and fellowship.

Faith Study

Every Monday, 5:30-7pm in Wesley

If you have been thinking about it, now is the time to join us for study, fellowship and food. We just started this new study with one of our favorite speakers, J.D. Greear. We always have room at the table!

How Do You Respond to Jesus?

Who is Jesus of Nazareth, and what does he ask of us? For help answering these questions, we can turn to Luke's orderly account of Jesus's life and ministry—the Gospel of Luke. In this eleven-session series, pastor and author J.D. Greear will walk through the first half of Luke's Gospel, highlighting who Jesus is, what he did, and how the people around him responded. Luke shows us that Jesus is the savior who came to seek and save people in need, including us—and we must decide how to respond when he lovingly moves toward us.

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/908565>

MOVERS & SHAKERS

On September 17, the Movers & Shakers toured Camp Dogwood in Sherrills Ford, NC.

We learned about the amazing work they do for blind individuals in NC. During the summer, they have camp for blind/visually impaired adults from across NC. They do crafts, fishing, archery, shooting, boating, swimming, etc. all in a safe and caring environment. Camp Dogwood is always looking for volunteers and donations to make this possible. During the rest of the year, they host meetings and corporate retreats. The campus is beautiful. The staff is warm and welcoming. Overall, it was a wonderful learning experience at a camp close to home that most of us haven't visited. After that, we went to Butcher Boy for lunch. The food was yummy. The fellowship was fantastic.

On October 15th, we will visit Shiloh General Store in Hamptonville, NC. This is one of our favorite trips because of the food and shopping. We will have lunch at the store on the porch. For \$6.99, you can choose a sandwich on their fresh-baked bread and a bag of chips. Then there is the shopping. They carry bulk food items, great knives, fresh-baked breads and desserts, cookbooks, etc. We will gather in the workroom at 9:30 and leave for Shilohs at 10. Please consider joining us for a day of fun and fellowship.



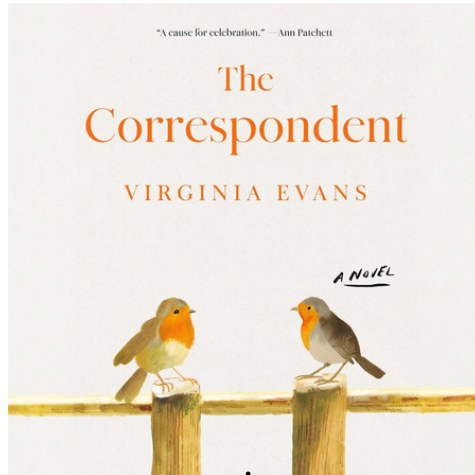
**If you have any questions, please contact
Mary Stutts at 704-664-4274 or MommaMary1@Windstream.net.**

BOOK GROUP

Meets on 2nd Monday evening at 7pm in Wesley

Open invitation to anyone who wants to join us in discussion of our pick of the month.

October 12th selection is ***The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans** and will be led by Judy Donaldson. Virginia Evans currently lives in Winston-Salem



**Award winning novel WINNER OF THE WOMEN'S PRIZE FOR FICTION •
LONGLISTED FOR THE CENTER
FOR FICTION FIRST NOVEL PRIZE AND THE ANDREW CARNEGIE MEDAL •
A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR:**

NPR, The Washington Post, Boston Globe, Elle, Christian Science Monitor, She Reads

Sybil Van Antwerp has throughout her life used letters to make sense of the world and her place in it. Most mornings, around half past ten, Sybil sits down to write letters—to her brother, to her best friend, to the president of the university who will not allow her to audit a class she desperately wants to take, to Joan Didion and Larry McMurtry to tell them what she thinks of their latest books, and to one person to whom she writes often yet never sends the letter

Sybil expects her world to go on as it always has—a mother, grandmother, wife, divorcee, distinguished lawyer, she has lived a very full life. But when letters from someone in her past force her to examine one of the most painful periods of her life, she realizes that the letter she has been writing over the years needs to be read and that she cannot move forward until she finds it in her heart to offer forgiveness.

Upcoming reads schedule:

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi on November 9

The Christmas Ring by Karen Kingsbury on December 14 and annual party

MISSION OUTREACH



By Kathy Schilling

The Backpack Ministry has begun for the 2026–2027 school year! On September 9, we received a request for 20 bags, which we provided, and we continue to provide bags each week.

We will soon be delivering the items collected for the Children's Homes of Iredell County.

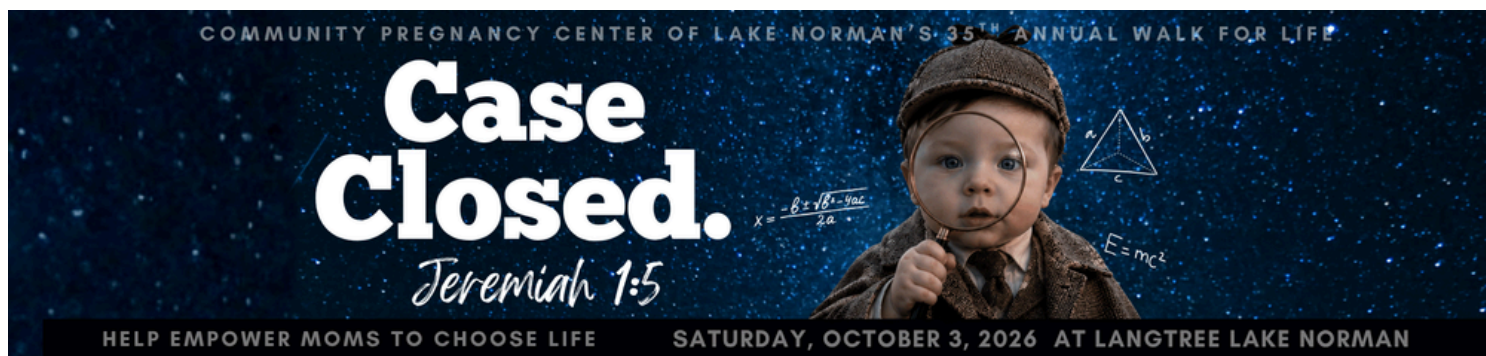
We are also continuing to collect funds to support the Lake Norman Community Pregnancy Center and their Walk for Life on Saturday, October 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We invite anyone who would like to join us for the walk!

In October, we will also be building shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child as we continue finding ways to serve and support our community.



The youth will be helping with shoeboxes again this year and have decided to do boxes for ages 10-14 year olds boy and girls. Below is a list of items we would like to add to the boxes. We will also be making an amazon list to order off of if that is easier for you and you would like to help out. You can also see Danyel for any questions.

- Small Fishing Kits
- Small Sewing Kits
- Pencils/Pens
- Notebooks
- Mini Lego Sets
- Drawstring Bags
- Reusable Water Bottles
- Clip On Earrings
- Balloons
- Rubix Cubes
- Small Stuffed Animals
- Mini Bibles/Devotionals
- Bracelets
- Harmonicas
- Keychains
- Hairbrush
- Combs
- Bouncy Balls
- Crochet Kits
- Wallets
- Hair Ties
- Sunglasses
- Fidget Toys



**35th Annual Walk for Life
Fair View's September Mission and Outreach**

The Community Pregnancy Center's The Walk for Life is a wonderful way for our community to come alongside us as we work to empower moms and save lives. This fundraiser is an integral part of our yearly budget and we are trusting GOD to provide for HIS mission— by moving YOU—and hundreds of others like you, to be generous. Because GOD has been generous to us in the Gospel, we are motivated to give. We are so thankful for our life-minded friends as we work together for LIFE.

Location

Langtree Lake Norman
150 Landings Drive
Mooresville, NC 28117

Date and Time

October 3rd 9:30am – 12:00pm EDT

Thank you to the Team of Walkers (Ellar, Danyel, Brenda, Cheryl, Kathy Schilling) and thanks to all who have sponsored them in support of this ministry.

If you haven't yet, you can donate on their secure website.
<https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrsync/event/website/?m=7884328#3>

Ladies Boutique October 17th

The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 3 -6 pm. During this time, we will open up a little shop in Wesley filled with treasures that will be offered for donation. Wesley will be open for browsing (and restroom facilities).

Any funds donated for the items will be given to the Hope of Mooresville (HOME) to assist with their ministry to homeless women/children in our community. The items for the boutique are leftovers from past mission fundraisers held by the women of Fair View. If you have anything to contribute, (jewelry, women's accessories, unopened bath or makeup products) you can bring on Saturday the 17th to Wesley. All items leftover will be taken to local nonprofits.

Fair View Kidz

FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED :

- 6 SETUP HELPERS
(SETUP BEGINS AT 1PM)
- 10 GAME ATTENDANTS
- 3 PRIZE TABLE ATTENDANTS
- 2 GREETERS
- 6 CLEAN UP HELPERS
(CLEAN UP BEGINS AROUND 6PM)

17 OCTOBER, 2026

3:00pm-6:00pm

Contact Krystal with any questions
704-261-4901 (text or call)

FALL FESTIVAL DONATION NEEDS:



← Amazon Wishlist

- Small Fidgets
- Vampire Teeth
- Small Squishies
- Lollipops/Candy (please refrain from Chocolate/Candy that melts)
- Monetary Donations

You can scan the QR code or
[click here for the Amazon Wish List](#)

FALL FESTIVAL 2026
SATURDAY OCT. 17
3 - 6PM

FOOD AND TREATS

CARNIVAL GAMES

PRIZES AND CANDY

COSTUMES WELCOME

FREE EVENT FOR ALL

Fair View UMC

1430 MECKLENBURG HWY • MT. MOURNE, NC

Children's Minister – Krystal Davis
Contact: kdavis@fairviewumc.org

FAIR VIEW YOUTH

Our 5th Sunday Spaghetti Luncheon was a great success, with approximately 39 people staying for lunch or taking meals to go. The money raised will help support Youth Night meals, Operation Christmas Child supplies, and our upcoming Angel Tree event.

Thank you to everyone who supported the youth!

Our monthly Youth Nights have resumed, with dinner, games, fellowship, and Bible study. Last meeting we spent time learning about spiritual gifts and discovering how God has uniquely gifted each of us.

The youth enjoyed a pool party to wrap up the summer at Kathy Schilling's home. We had a great time of fellowship, games, and of course food! Thank you Kathy for hosting us!!

We have begun a new RightNow Media study called Finding Truth, which focuses on building our identity, purpose, and relationships on the truth of Scripture. This study will take us through the month of October.

Looking ahead, the youth are planning on packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for ages 10-14 years old boys and girls. We have shared a list of items we would like to pack in the boxes and will be sending out an amazon shopping list link for those who would like to order something and have it sent to the church.

Youth Night: Youth meet every fourth Sunday at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, games, crafts, and Bible study. The girls meet with Danyel, and the boys meet with Pastor Nathan. All youth are encouraged to invite their friends!



YOUTH DIRECTOR: DANYEL WILLIAMS
office@fairviewumc.org

SCOUTING AROUND WITH CUB SCOUT PACK #173

By Bill Hicks

The Fall Round-Up for new Cub Scouts (kindergarten thru 5th graders) that was held at the Coddle Creek Elementary School in early September was good and the Pack is still registering new scouts. Registration is still open to any girl or boy by contacting any of the leaders in the Pack or Bill Hicks at 704-650-1026 or wchicks@hotmail.com .

Last month the Pack had a great Pack Meeting and outing at our Mt. Mourne Scout Center where the former scouts and new ones had a great time at a campfire roasting marshmallows.

The month of October will have lots of activities in addition to the weekly meetings of the scouts in their age groups. New scouts will attend an event at the county level where they will earn their first scout badge plus have lots of fun. A Piedmont Council level Freaky Fall Festival will be attended at Camp Bud Schiele near Rutherfordton.

The scouts are now selling popcorn to fund their registration with the Pack. Contact any scout to make a purchase.

The rest of the year just to highlight a few extra events to the normal program will be placing flags on the graves of veterans at Fair View, marching in the Mooresville Veterans Day, collecting food as part of a National Scouting for Food drive with all proceeds going to the Mooresville Christian Mission and marching in the Mooresville Christmas parade.



A big
THANK YOU goes
to Fair View from
Pack #173, Troop
#173 and Troop
#4173 for facility
use.

COME JOIN US!

SUNDAYS AT FAIR VIEW

WORSHIP at 10 AM

Fair View Kidz

every Sunday

Fair View Kidz meets each Sunday immediately after children's church during worship for crafts, Bible study and fun activities!



A FULL CALENDAR OF
EVENTS CAN BE FOUND
AT FAIRVIEWUMC.ORG

youth
11:00AM IN CHAPIN
&
4th Sundays 5:30 PM



2nd SUNDAYS
8:00AM IN 204A

monday

FAITH STUDY
MONDAYS
5:30PM IN WESLEY

M.O.M.s Study
The Mission of Moms
2ND MONDAY
6:00 PM IN 204A

BOOK CLUB
2ND MONDAY
7:00 PM IN WESLEY

wednesday

UPPER ROOM
WEDNESDAYS
11 AM IN WESLEY

THE VINE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS
5:30 PM IN 204A

CANTATA REHEARSAL
 WEDNESDAYS
7 PM-7:45 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL
 WEDNESDAYS
7:45 PM-8:30 PM

thursday

STEPHEN MINISTRIES
2ND/4TH THURSDAY
7 PM IN WESLEY

**MOVERS &
SHAKERS**
3RD THURSDAYS

Be sure to pass this month's newsletter
on to a friend. You never know, that
might inspire them for a visit!

The Power of an Invitation

6-8% Walked in by own initiative

2-3% Liked a program offered

8-10% Liked the pastor

3-4% Had a need met by the
church.

1-2% Were Evangelized

3-4% Attracted by Sunday School

70-85% Invited by a relative or
friend!

We need you!

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TO: